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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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Please change the title to read: "ROLL STAND," as noted above.

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Page 1, after the title, please insert -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

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